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CZAR CONSULTS THE SPIRIT WORLD ON STATE POLICY

Interesting Glimpses of the World's Affairs Through the Agency of Associated Press.

Mrs. McKinley's Tournament Prize---Argentine Schools---Amending Football Rules---Reminiscence of Meyerling---Knocked Out by Fitzsimmons---Acre Incident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A curious story regarding the Czar, who, as is well known, has of late years taken a great interest in spiritualism, comes from St. Petersburg through private sources, says the Tribune's London correspondent. This story is to the effect that The Hague conference was the direct result of a spiritualistic seance, at which, having received a call, Emperor Nicholas was told that it was his duty to bring about peace in the world.

Mrs. McKinley's Prize.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mrs. McKinley has given a prize to be contested for at the progressive euchre to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria under the auspices of the Alumnae of St. Joseph's Academy, of this city, on the evening of January 7th.

Argentine Schools.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Twenty-five women school teachers went from the United States to the Argentine republic a few years ago for the purpose of introducing American educational methods into that country. The result is that the schools of the great republic of the south are now modeled upon the system born and developed here. As a further result Argentina has sent James H. Fitzsimmons, director of the National School of Commerce, of Buenos Ayres, as a special commissioner to the United States to make a study of the latest school methods, to buy school supplies and to engage seven competent educators as directors of the new normal schools that are to be opened next year.

Mr. Fitzsimmons has been in consultation with Mayor Low and with Superintendent Maxwell of the New York schools and from both of them received promises of assistance in making his mission a success. He will visit Washington for a conference with the Argentine minister. Before returning to South America he will make a tour of the United States, studying the common school systems in the various States. He will also visit the Universities where thirty Argentine youths are being educated at the expense of their government.

Reminiscence of Meyerling.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The body of Harris Tranquiline, the cab driver who drove Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria and was a witness to the nobleman's murder, in Meyerling, Austria, in 1889, will be removed to Vienna after having lain in potter's field on Ward's island, since 1895.

Tranquiline died in the insane asylum at Ward's island in May, 1895, after having lived in this country since the time he was hurried there two weeks after his master's death, his pockets filled with gold.

In Vienna Tranquiline won the friendship of the Crown Prince Rudolph by his remarkable presence, his conviviality and his courteous manners. He was known as "Baron Shan" and was present at the Meyerling castle on the fatal night of January 30, 1889, when his master and the Baroness Vetsera met their tragic death.

Hurried to this country by the imperial family in their efforts to hush up the scandal, he became a favorite among the Austrians of the East Side. Tranquiline after losing his money, became a patient at Bellevue Hospital and later was sent to the Ward's island asylum to die. It was on his death bed that he told of the details of the famous double tragedy.

Amending Football Rules.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It is asserted by persons usually well informed in such matters that the intercollegiate football rules committee will have to abolish mass plays before the beginning of next season or, that failing such action on the part of the committee, the authorities of a number of the universities will take such steps that the framers of the rules will be forced to legislate against the close formation method of attack. A statement to this effect was made recently by the president of an eastern university and since that it has become known that various college authorities have had considerable correspondence regarding the objections to the present methods of play and that Chairman Walter Camp of the rules committee has written to the universities regarding the advisability of calling a meeting of the committee in January for revising the rules.

Those who run the faculty end of athletics in the colleges are, it is said, just about unanimous for a radical alteration of the rules. They say that the physical well-being of the young men committed to their charge, if nothing else, demands a change; that football, as it is played today, has come to be too much a contest involving mere brute force and that the injuries sustained in the game now are too serious and too numerous to permit of its continuance in its present form.

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ARBITRATION PENDING FOR THE VENEZUELAN

Minister Bowen Is Recalled to Washington to Present Castro's Case to the English and German Commission---Latest From the Caribbean.



PRESIDENT CASTRO.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

CARACAS, Jan. 8.—United States Minister Bowen has received orders to leave Venezuela for Washington to present the Venezuelan case to the British and German Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—United States Minister Bowen cables from Venezuela that President Castro is now willing to submit without further difficulty to The Hague conference settlement of the disputes between Venezuela and Germany, Great Britain and Italy. European advices indicate the willingness of both England and Germany to settle the matter amicably without invoking the machinery of The Hague tribunal, and it is therefore hoped that a settlement will be reached without formal arbitration. The latest proposal is that Minister Bowen and the British, German and Italian ambassadors at Washington act as a commission to settle the dispute.

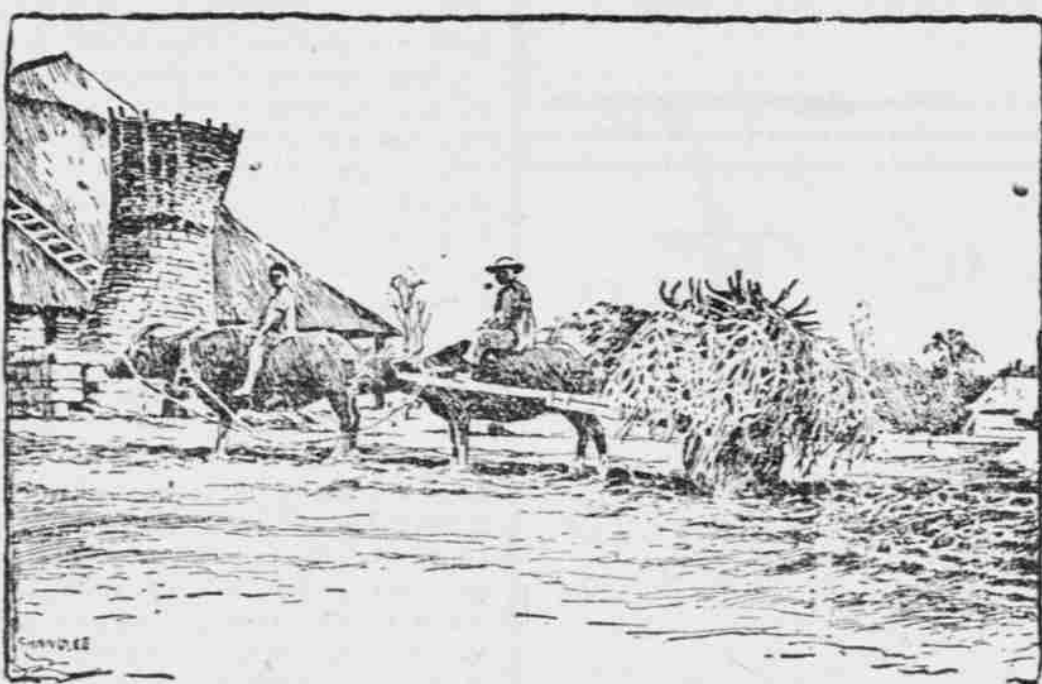
THE PHILIPPINES TO HAVE A NATIVE CONSTABULARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The House has passed the Philippine Constabulary bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The Senate Committee on the Philippines has reported favorably on the bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for the purchase by the government of animals for farming use for Filipinos who have lost their work-animals in the epidemic of rinderpest or "surra" which preceded the cholera outbreak.

Brewster Cameron, representing the Manila Chamber of Commerce, has been in Washington several weeks working in the interests of legislation for the Philippines and chiefly for this bill. Through the appropriation it is hoped to give agriculture in the Philippines a fresh start. By the restocking of the country with the water buffalo the rice plantations can again be worked on a large

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FARMING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

DAVIDSON IS THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Queen Alexandra's Candidate, the Young Bishop of London, Is Not Chosen.

The King Prefers the Bishop of Winchester Who Comforted Queen Victoria in Her Last Illness---Succeeds Dr. Frederick Temple.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

LONDON, Jan. 8.—King Edward today appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Randall Thomas Davidson, who has been Bishop of Winchester since 1895.

The appointment of the aged Bishop to the highest office in the Church of England is the result of the King's good feeling for the prelate who attended and comforted Queen Victoria during her last moments. The Bishop was a favorite of the Queen and King Edward wished to advance him as a fitting reward for his untiring devotion to the throne.

There were three candidates for the position, the Bishops of Ripon, London and Winchester.

The Bishop of London, a radicalist in church matters, known as the Phillips Brooks of London, was a favorite of Queen Alexandra for the See of Canterbury, and court gossip declared that the Queen's influence would elect him. During his illness a few weeks ago the Queen sent one of her own nurses to attend him. In making the appointment of Bishop Davidson, the King is said to have been influenced against the Bishop of London because of his youth.

WITHDRAW OPPOSITION TO CUBAN RECIPROCITY

But Beet Sugar Men Ask That No More Concession Be Granted to Philippine Tobacco and Sugar Growers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The American Beet Sugar Association has passed resolutions withdrawing its opposition to Cuban reciprocity but recommending that the treaty be amended so that, during the period of five years covered by that instrument no sugar exported from Cuba shall be admitted to the United States at a reduced duty greater than twenty per cent of the rates of duty thereon as provided by the tariff act of 1897. The Association also adopted resolutions protesting against unnecessary stimulation of the sugar and tobacco industries of the Philippines by further tariff reductions.

Plague at Ensenada.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Bubonic plague is causing much alarm in Mazatlan, Mexico, and Ensenada, Lower California. The port of Mazatlan is quarantined. There have been an alarming number of cases in both cities and the utmost precautions are being taken.

Both the American and Mexican governments are active in efforts to prevent the further spread of the disease, and vessels entering or leaving Mazatlan are subjected to the most rigid rules.

Drop in Refined Sugar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The Western Sugar Refining Company has reduced the price of sugar twenty cents a hundred pounds. The drop is not explained. The refined article was recently raised to a top point and remained stationary for several weeks.